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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, District of Columbia 20231

Sir:

This note is to explain the late response to the Second Office Action. On 7 July 2005, I mailed my response to the second office action back to the patent office. I addressed it to the return address on the documents sent to me (see photocopy of the envelope). As I now understand, that address was no longer valid. It took almost a month for the post office to return the documents to me. Thinking that the post office has incorrectly returned them, I re-sent the documents express mail. This was also returned to me. I subsequently phoned the PTO number given to me for examiner Beaulieu in the office action (703) 305-8233 and found it disconnected with no forwarding number. After tracking down a new number (571) 272-6955, I left three messages asking for information as to direction, but did not receive a response. Today, in speaking with the Invention Assistance Center, I was given a new address for mailing: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, PO BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA VA 22313-1450. I was also told that as long as I included an original 'Certificate of Mailing' that was filed in a timely manner with my first response that I would not have to include a 'Petition for Extension of Time' with this document. Accordingly, I have included today my original response



to the Office Action (4/7/05), together with the envelopes showing my good faith attempt to comply with the required schedules of the PTO.

I apologize for the delay in this response.

Very respectfully,

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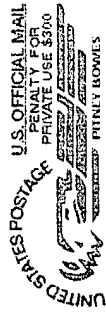
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